Welcome back to all of our students and families. It always amazes me to see how much the kids grow over the Christmas holidays. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and wish everyone well for 2015.

The kids have settled in very quickly and have taken to their studies with some real enthusiasm. They look great in their new uniforms and have been enjoying each other’s friendship in the playground. Socks will be available shortly for sale.

Our new kindergartens are very happy in their classes and the bigger kids are looking after them and helping them feel part of the school.

We have a big year ahead of us, full of interesting activities and learning opportunities. Parent information night will be starting Tuesday 24th February, 5:30pm, for Year K-2 and Tuesday 3rd March, 5:30pm, for Year 3-6. We look forward to seeing everyone on the night.

Our SRC Councillors will be inducted into the SRC on Monday 9th February, they will take their pledge and receive their badges. We hope to see parents and community on the day.

The Life Education van arrives next week and we have paid for all children to attend this excellent program. This ongoing program builds knowledge of and resilience in students in the areas concerned with tobacco, alcohol and drugs. If you do not want your child to attend the Life Education session please notify the school. I fully recommend this program to all students.

Please remember to talk to your child regularly around the subject of stranger danger. These talks should be regular with clear directions understood by parent and child.

If your child is riding a bike to school be sure to discuss riding safely to school. Children need to wear a helmet when riding a bike, they also require a chain and lock for their bike.

I hope to see parents at the P&C meeting next Tuesday evening. All the best. Regards Mr Taylor, Principal.
Canteen News
The canteen operates on a voluntary basis, we are always looking for helpers. If you would like to work in the canteen even one day a month please see Jennie or Toni in the canteen.

The canteen has a new canteen price list, some items have increased in price. This is being sent home today.

This week the canteen will have available for the swimming carnival for students in Years 3 to Year 6 a special lunch order. There is also a parent order available. Please return asap to the canteen.

Swimming Carnival Student Order Form
Friday 6th February
Please tick your selection

If you choose water they go into a $5.00 draw for the canteen

Student name: ........................................................................
Class: .................................................................

Package A ~ Pizza ~ $5.50
☐ Pizza
☐ Water / Milk / or Juice
☐ Ice Cup

Package B ~ Pluto Pup ~ $5.50
☐ Pluto Pup
☐ Water / Milk / or Juice
☐ Ice Cup

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 5.30pm in the staff room. All welcome.

FUNDRAISING BULB DRIVE
Next Tuesday 10th February a pamphlet will be sent home for purchasing of bulbs. This is our P&C fundraiser for this term. It is a great way to start your winter colour garden. More information see Megan Keogh.

AGM Meeting
The P&C Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March 2015. All position will become vacant. Positions for Election are as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

All Welcome. Come along and see what’s going on in our school.

Student Council Representative Investiture
MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
10.00AM
SCHOOL HALL

On Monday 9th February 2015 our new SRC councillors will take their pledge of office and receive their councillor badges for 2015. All parents and community are invited to the ceremony.

SRC Councillors 2015
Jake Patton - Captain
Tanisha Hickling - Captain
Kahan Spatty
Maddison Judson
Angela Gawiran
Jacinta Cavanagh
Joshua Lewis
Georgia Brooker
LIBRARY NEWS
Welcome back to the library for 2015. As our numbers are still sorting themselves out we are working with a temporary timetable until that is all settled at the end of Week 3. Here is the timetable for the first three weeks for library times.

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BOOK CLUB
Thanks very much to Helen Lynn for organising Book Club last year. Helen is taking on another role this year so I am going to be looking after Book Club in 2015. Most families should have received the first issue for this year on Monday. It is due back on Friday 13th February. I hope that gives you plenty of time to have a good look at what is available this month. Don’t miss the $1.00 and $2.00 specials!
Regards Mrs Bryant.

Swimming Carnival – Friday 6th February
- The annual Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 6th February at the Casino Pool.
- The cost is $5.00 which includes $2.00 bus fare and $3.00 pool entry.
- Please ensure that children have proper sun protection.
- Notes need to be returned to school as soon as possible.
- The kiosk at the pool will be open on the day.
- Our school canteen will also have orders for students and parents on the day. See attached order forms.

House Captains and Vice Captains have been elected as follows:

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Life Education Van Visit
Monday 9th to Thursday 12th February 2015

Life Education is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation that works with our partner schools to deliver an essential curriculum-based program empowering children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices that could impact on their futures. Life Education have been around for over 35 years and reached around 5 million children in that time. Our school program consists of 15 age-appropriate modules that complement the Australian curriculum. They cover issues like:

- healthy eating
- physical activity
- positive communication
- relationships
- problem solving
- resilience
- personal safety
- smoking
- alcohol
- drugs
- caffeine
- medicines
- bullying
- cyber-safety

ALL STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 6 WILL ATTEND the Life Education Van. There is no cost to students as the school is subsidising the program. If you do not wish your child to attend please see you child’s teacher.

A Life Education Shop where students may purchase Life Education items such as rulers, pencils etc will be available. Forms for the shop will be given out next week.

Chaplaincy at Casino West.
Mrs Wendy Boniface will continue as school chaplain at Casino West this year for her third year.

Casino resident, Mrs Alice Russo, who has been doing Family Day Care for 13 years in Casino, is training as a school chaplain doing Certificate IV. She will again be in to help Mrs Boniface from time to time as part of her training.

As part of the chaplaincy program, each class teacher has an opportunity to send 3 - 4 students for 45 minutes of “chill out time” in the chaplaincy room, where students get to play games, do art and craft and chat about any issues of concern to them.

The Healthy Mindset program will also run for the stage 3 children in terms 2 and 3. This is an Australian program developed to encourage resiliency in primary aged children. A social skills program will also be run for some of the younger children this year.

Chaplaincy services are also available for any parents/carers who would like someone to talk to. Please contact the office for details.

Wendy Boniface, School Chaplain.